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AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:

registration means for registering an electronic mail account of a client via a first network upon receiving a request from the client, wherein the request includes a customized format of an image to be received;

reception means for receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

confirming means for confirming whether the client maintains a valid account; generating means for generating an electronic mail directed to the client's account where the electronic mail has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception means, and also based on the customized format of an image for the client received by said registration means; and

transmission means for transmitting the electronic mail generated by said generating means to the client's electronic mail account,

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the image into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the image into a single file, for attaching to the electronic mail.

- (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said generating means attaches an image received by said reception means to the electronic mail.
- (Cancelled).
- 4. (Cancelled).

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(Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
customized format of an image includes information on whether or not to attach the
image to the electronic mail.

- (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
 customized format of an image includes information on whether to attach all or a part of
 said received image.
- (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
 customized format of an image includes information on an encoding system of said
 attached image.
- (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said reception means receives the color and/or monochrome image information based on a facsimile procedure.
- (Original) The communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said facsimile procedure is based on the ITU-T T. 37 recommendation.
- (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus comprising:

registration means for registering electronic mail accounts of a plurality of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from each of the plurality of clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;

reception means for receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

management means for validating the registered electronic mail accounts and generating electronic mails for the validated electronic mail accounts where the electronic mail has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception

means, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the plurality of clients received by said registration means; and

transmission means for transmitting the generated electronic mails to each of the clients' electronic accounts validated by said management means,

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the image into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the image into a single file, for attaching to the electronic mail.

- (Original) The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said reception 11. means executes a reception process based on the ITU-T T. 37 recommendation.
- (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein 12. said management means manages whether to transmit only text, transmit only attachment file or transmit both the text and the attachment file of the received data.
- (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein 13. said management means is capable of managing a plurality of electronic mail accounts registered at said registration means.
- (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein 14. said management means manages whether or not one of the registered email accounts is a mobile terminal.
- (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein 15. said management means manages the setting in case of forwarding an electronic mail to the mobile terminal.
- (Previously Presented) A method of controlling a communication apparatus comprising: 16. a registration step of registering an electronic mail account of a client via a first network upon receiving a request from the client, wherein the request includes a customized format of an image to be received;

a reception step of receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

a confirming step of confirming whether the client maintains a valid account;

a generation step of generating an electronic mail directed to the client's account where the electronic mail has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception step, and also based on the customized format of an image for the client received by said registration step; and

a transmission step of transmitting the electronic mail generated by said generation step to the client's electronic mail account,

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the image into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the image into a single file, for attaching to the electronic mail.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling a communication apparatus comprising: a registration step of registering electronic mail accounts of a plurality of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from each of the plurality of clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received;

a reception step of receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

a management step of validating the registered electronic mail accounts and generating electronic mails for the validated electronic mail accounts where the electronic mail has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception step, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the plurality of clients received by said registration step; and

a transmission step of transmitting the generated electronic mails to each of the clients' electronic accounts validated in said management step.

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the image into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the image into a single file, for attaching to the electronic mail.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program for controlling a communication apparatus upon executed by a computer, said program having:

a registration step of registering an electronic mail account of a client via a first network upon receiving a request from the client, wherein the request includes a customized format of an image to be received;

a reception step of receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

a confirming step of confirming whether the client maintains a valid account;

a generation step of generating an electronic mail directed to the client's account where the electronic mail has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception step, and also based on the customized format of an image for the client received by said registration step; and

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the image into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the image into a single file, for attaching to the electronic mail.

19. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium storing a computer program for controlling a communication apparatus upon executed by a computer, said program having:

a registration step of registering electronic mail accounts of a plurality of clients via a first network upon receiving requests from each of the plurality of clients, wherein each of the requests includes a customized format of an image to be received; a reception step of receiving facsimile data, which includes color image information and/or monochrome image information, from a second network that uses a different communication protocol from the first network;

a management step of validating the registered electronic mail accounts and generating electronic mails for the validated electronic mail accounts where the electronic mail has an attachment generated based on the received facsimile data having the color image information and/or monochrome image information received by said reception step, and also based on the customized format of an image for each of the plurality of clients received by said registration step; and

a transmission step of transmitting the generated electronic mails to each of the clients' electronic accounts validated in said management step,

wherein the customized format includes information regarding whether to divide the image into several pages to create one file from each page or to group all pages of the image into a single file, for attaching to the electronic mail.

- 20. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission means transmits the electronic mail generated by said generating means to a plurality of clients based on information registered at said registration means.
- (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein said transmission step transmits the electronic mail generated by said generation step to a plurality of clients based on information registered at said registration step.
- (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 18, wherein
 said transmission step transmits the electronic mail generated by said generation step to a
 plurality of clients based on information registered at said registration step.